

August 6, 2001

Lou Dooley, Chair  
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Dear Lou:

Thank you for your letter of June 20 regarding Governor Locke's veto of SHB 1320, Section 11 relating to the food handler card requirement for Adult Family Homes. Last week, a meeting between SBOH, DOH and DSHS was held to discuss the next steps based on guidance given by the Governor in the veto. As you know, the veto reiterated the current requirement under SBOH rule. Prompt communication around the requirement and clarity of licensing or inspection activity was seen as essential.

The following actions are planned:

- A communication will be sent out to those registered through the DOH as adult family home owners and resident managers and through the DSHS to the licensed adult family homes. This communication will inform them of the veto and the current requirement for food handler cards.
- The adult family home associations will receive a copy of the above communiqué.
- DSHS will begin to do spot checks for food handler cards as part of their regular inspections of adult family homes.
- Bill White is meeting with environmental health directors this week and will give them an update. This includes information on the numbers and locations of adult family homes. A map is enclosed for your information that indicates the locations of adult family homes throughout the state.
- We would be happy to give an update at the next WSALPHO meeting.

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At this time, there are no plans for a workgroup to be formed to discuss implementation since the standards are not new or unique to adult family homes. We would be happy to discuss this further with you if there are questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mary C. Selecky  
Secretary, DOH

Don Sloma  
Executive Director, SBOH

cc: Vicki Kirkpatrick, WSALPHO Administrator  
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